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CENSUS OF ABORIGINALS IN QUEENSLAND.

30TH JUNE 1938.

The Government Statistician, with the co-operation of the Chief Protector and Protectors of Aboriginals, and the Superintendents of Settlements, Reserves and Missions has completed the Annual Census of Aboriginals in Queensland as at 30th June 1938.

CHANGES IN NUMBERS.

At 30th June 1938 the population of aboriginals in the State was 18,621, of whom 12,160 (6,763 males and 5,397 females) were full-bloods and 6,461 (3,319 males and 3,142 females) half-castes. Compared with the previous year there was an increase of 48 full-bloods and 549 half-castes. The large increase in half-castes, however, is mainly due to the inclusion in the Census, of the half-caste descendants of South Sea Islanders and Australian aboriginals, who were not included in the figures for 1937. Adult full-bloods numbered 9,069, and children (persons under 12 years of age) 3,091, an increase on the previous year of 242 adults but a decrease of 194 children. In the half-caste population, the adults numbered 3,642, or 295 more than in 1937, and the children 2,819, an increase of 254.

SUPERVISION.

The number of full-bloods under the control of the various authorities was as follows, figures for the previous year being shown in brackets:- Government Settlements 1,499 (1,496); Government Protectors 7,333 (7,310); Missions 3,318 (3,295); and Government Reserve at Myora 10 (11). Half-castes under supervision of Government Settlements were 1,483 (1,387), of Government Protectors 3,763 (3,548), of Missions 1,188 (942), and of Myora Government Reserve 27 (35). The Government Reserve at Myora is the only aboriginal Reserve with a resident superintendent.

OCCUPATION.

i. In Regular Employment. The number of full-bloods in regular employment was 3,693, or 40.7 per cent of all adults, compared with 41.9 per cent for the previous year. The full-bloods in employment consisted of 2,970 males and 723 females, of whom 1,979 males and 447 females lived in Supervised Camps. Half-caste aboriginals in employment numbered 2,199 or 60.4 per cent of adults, 1,431 being males and 768 females. Of these 1,252 lived in Supervised Camps.

ii. Nomadic. The number of aboriginals returned as "Nomads" was 1,721 (889 males and 832 females). There were only 28 half-castes among the nomadic aboriginals, 15 less than in 1937. The full-bloods consisted of 1,511 adults and 182 children, an increase of 56 persons.

iii. Others. The remainder, 6,774 full-bloods and 4,234 half-castes, consists of children (2,909 full-bloods and 2,705 half-castes), aged dependents of aboriginals, and those not working under Government agreement. The latter are chiefly engaged in irregular jobs of trapping, ringbarking and other bush work, and on mineral fields.

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TABLE 1. - ABORIGINAL POPULATION - TEN YEARS.

AT 30TH JUNE	FULL-BLOODS			HALF-CASTES			TOTAL FULL-BLOODS AND HALF-CASTES
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
1929 ..	8,187	5,990	14,177	1,951	1,918	3,869	18,046
1930 ..	8,039	6,003	14,042	1,962	1,927	3,889	17,931
1931 ..	7,786	5,868	13,654	2,096	1,956	4,052	17,706
1932 ..	7,599	5,773	13,372	2,123	1,945	4,068	17,409
1933 ..	7,073	5,459	12,532	2,292	2,133	4,425	16,957
1934 ..	6,997	5,309	12,306	2,508	2,408	4,916	17,222
1935 ..	6,888	5,182	12,070	2,807	2,618	5,425	17,495
1936 ..	6,992	5,345	12,337	2,917	2,868	5,785	18,122
1937 ..	6,742	5,370	12,112	2,972	2,940	5,912	18,024
1938 ..	6,763	5,397	12,160	3,319	3,142	6,461	18,621

TABLE 2. - ABORIGINAL POPULATION AT 30TH JUNE, 1937 and 1938.

Particulars	1937		1938	
	Adults	Children	Adults	Children
FULL-BLOODS				
Nomadic ..	1,323	314	1,511	182
In Regular Employment a.	3,701	-	3,693	-
In Supervised Camps	3,245	2,480	3,351	2,409
Others ..	558	491	514	500
<u>TOTAL:</u>	8,827	3,285	9,069	3,091
HALF-CASTES				
Nomadic ..	33	10	14	14
In Regular Employment a.	1,779	-	2,199	-
In Supervised Camps	657	1,397	581	1,444
Others ..	878	1,158	848	1,361
<u>TOTAL:</u>	3,347	2,565	3,642	2,819
<u>GRAND TOTAL PERSONS:</u>	18,024		18,621	
Percentage Nomadic to Total:	9.32		9.24	

- a. Including those in regular employment, living in supervised camps; the totals being 2,426 full-bloods and 1,252 half-castes at 30th June, 1938.

TABLE 3. - ABORIGINAL POPULATION (ADULTS AND CHILDREN) AT 30TH JUNE, 1938.

PARTICULARS	UNDER CONTROL OF -				TOTAL
	Government Settlements	Government Reserves a.	District Government Protectors	Missions	
FULL-BLOODS					
In Supervised Camps					
In Regular Employment	688	1	1,157	580	2,426
Others ..	771	9	3,452	1,528	5,760
Not in Supervised Camps					
In Regular Employment	36	-	1,208	23	1,267
Nomadic ..	-	-	541	1,152	1,693
Others ..	4	-	975	35	1,014
Total Full-Bloods					
Males ..	894	3	4,165	1,701	6,763
Females ..	605	7	3,168	1,617	5,397
Persons ..	1,499	10	7,333	3,318	12,160
HALF-CASTES					
In Supervised Camps					
In Regular Employment	564	9	266	413	1,252
Others	860	18	571	576	2,025
Not in Supervised Camps					
In Regular Employment	41	-	885	21	947
Nomadic ..	-	-	28	-	28
Others ..	18	-	2,013	178	2,209
Total Half-Castes					
Males ..	751	15	1,984	569	3,319
Females ..	732	12	1,779	619	3,142
Persons ..	1,483	27	3,763	1,188	6,461
GRAND TOTAL FULL-BLOODS AND HALF-CASTES:	2,982	37	11,096	4,506	18,621
a. Government Reserve, with Resident Superintendent.					
<u>TOTALS FOR TEN YEARS.</u>					
1929 ..	1,957	a	12,718	3,371	18,046
1930 ..	2,077		12,299	3,555	17,931
1931 ..	2,309		11,800	3,597	17,706
1932 ..	2,338		11,436	3,635	17,409
1933 ..	2,471		10,706	3,780	16,957
1934 ..	2,643		10,920	3,659	17,222
1935 ..	2,737		10,832	3,926	17,495
1936 ..	2,830		11,080	4,212	18,122
1937 ..	2,883		10,858	4,283	18,024
1938 ..	2,982	37	11,096	4,506	18,621

a. Previously included in Missions Total.